years, suppose, we study from 1999-2000, out of the total share in investments, that is, the gross capital formation, in agriculture including forestry, logging and fishing, the private investment was .38 per cent in 1999-2000; in 2000-01, it was .34 per cent; in 2001-02, it was .40 per cent; in 2002-03, it was .33 per cent and in 2003-04, it was .36 per cent.

This is public investment. Private investment is somewhere around 1 to 1.5 per cent. So, the overall investment in agriculture is hardly 1 or 1.5 per cent, whereas 65 per cent of the population is dependent on agriculture. It is very difficult for the agricultural sector to face drought or floods and other such things. So, there has to be a conscious decision about investment in this area. Until and unless we take corrective action, I don't think we will be able to do justice in this area.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Medical and dental colleges

*286. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state.

(a) the number of self-financed and Government medical colleges and dental colleges in the country, State-wise, and their intake at 1st year M.B.B.S. level and 1st year of B.D.S.;

(b) whether it is a fact that many more self-financed medical colleges and dental colleges are in the pipeline;

(c) if so, the number of proposals pending with the competent authorities; and

(d) what is the action plan of his Ministry for more dental and medical colleges and to increase their intake?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) to (d) The number of medical and dental colleges in the country, State-wise with their intake is given in the Statement-I and II respectively (See below). It is for the State Government to assess the requirement of medical/dental colleges in the State while

issuing the Essentiality Certificate for establishment of new medical/ dental colleges and increase in intake capacity in the existing colleges. Grant of permission by the Central Government for establishment of new medical/dental college is a continuing process. As on date, 20 proposals for opening of self-financed medical colleges and 43 proposals for opening of self-financed dental colleges are pending with the Central Government/concerned Professional Councils. Clearance of these proposals depends on fulfilling the qualifying criteria, availability of infrastructural facilities as per norms prescribed and on the recommendations of the concerned Professional Councils thereon.

Statement-I

Number of medical colleges in the country State-wise as on 1.8.2005

SI. No.	Name of the State	Number of Medical Colleges		Total	Total number of seats
		Govt.	Private		
1.	Andhra Pradesh	10	21	31	3925
2.	Assam	3	—	3	391
3.	Bihar	6	2	8	510
4.	Chandigarh	1	—	1	50
5.	Chhattisgarh	2	—	2	200
6.	Delhi	5	—	5	560
7.	Goa	1	—	1	100
8.	Gujarat	8	5	13	1625
9.	Haryana	1	2	3	350
10.	Himachal Pradesh	2	—	2	115
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	3	1	4	350
12.	Jharkhand	3	—	3	190
13.	Karnataka	4	28	32	4005
14.	Kerala	6	8	14	1600

SI. No.	Name of the State	Number of Medical Colleges		Total	Total number of seats
		Govt.	Private		
15.	Madhya Pradesh	5	3	8	970
16.	Maharashtra	19	20	39	4410
17.	Manipur	1	—	1	100
18.	Orissa	3	1	4	464
19.	Pondicherry	1	4	5	475
20.	Punjab	3	3	6	520
21.	Rajasthan	6	2	8	800
22.	Sikkim	1	—	1	100
23.	Tamil Nadu	14	8	22	2515
24.	Tripura	1	—	1	100
25.	Uttar Pradesh	9	4	13	1412
26.	Uttaranchal	—	2	2	200
27.	West Bengal	9	—	9	1105
	TOTAL	127	114	241	27142

Statement-II

Number of dental colleges in the country State-wise as on 1.8.2005

SI. No.	Name of the State	Government Dental College	Private Dental College	Total	Total number of seats
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2	15	17	1440
2.	Assam	1	—	1	40
3.	Bihar	1	6	7	320
4.	Chhattisgarh	1	3	4	400

SI.	Name of the State	No. Government Dental College	Private Dental College	Total	Total number of seats
5.	Delhi		—	1	40
6.	Goa		—	1	40
7.	Gujarat	2	5	7	580
8.	Haryana		8	9	720
9.	Himachal Pradesh		4	5	340
10.	J&K		—	1	20
11.	Karnataka		41	42	2800
12.	Kerala	3	9	12	580
13.	Madhya Pradesh		7	8	660
14.	Maharashtra	4	20	24	1730
15.	Orissa		1	2	80
16.	Pondicherry		—	1	40
17.	Punjab	2	9	11	780
18.	Rajasthan		8	9	800
19.	Tamil Nadu		15	16	1380
20.	Uttar Pradesh	2	21	23	2140
21.	Uttaranchal	0	1	1	100
22.	West Bengal	2	1	3	170
	TOTAL	**31**	174	205	15200

Agenda of meeting of the National Commission on Population

*287. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the first meeting of the recently constituted National Commission on Population was held recently;